



# AMERICAN PREPARATORY ACADEMY

October 12th, 2018

## Draper 2



## UPCOMING EVENTS

End of Term 1

Fall Break

Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences

Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences

College Week

Early Dismissal Day

Friday, Oct. 12th

October 15th-19th

October 25th, 3:00-7:00 pm

October 26th, 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Oct. 29th-Nov. 2nd

Wed., Oct. 31st 12:15/12:30/12:45pm

For updates, additional event information, and athletic events, please visit our campus website at:

<https://draper2.americanprep.org/>

### **From the Directors' Desks**

by Cathie Adamson and Kevin McVicar

#### **October Builder Theme: I am a Builder When I Demonstrate Integrity**

Integrity has been described as “walking your talk”. This means that there should be no difference between our actions and our words. Integrity is shown not just in what we say, but in our whole character. Building a reputation of integrity takes years, but it takes only a second to lose, so we should never allow ourselves to do anything that would damage our integrity.



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A great way to begin a discussion on the meaning and importance of integrity is to invent scenarios that encourage us to think about our choices. This provides a non-judgmental space in which to explore integrity and share responses. Discussion helps us to learn what the right thing is and how to actually do it, especially if there is peer pressure involved. Here are some examples.

“What would you do if...”

...you saw your best friend stealing candy from the teacher’s desk?

...you noticed that your grandmother dropped a \$20 bill the same day you wanted to buy a new video game?

...you saw the last piece of chocolate cake in the fridge but knew your sister was hoping to have it for dessert?

...you jokingly said something at recess and later heard it repeated as a rumor?

...you witnessed a friend being bullied in the hallway at school?

Others need to be able to trust that we will “walk our talk”, that we can be trusted to do what we say we will do simply because it’s the right and honorable thing. Why? The value of the trust of others goes beyond anything that can be measured because it brings limitless opportunities and endless possibilities.

## **From the Academic Office**

By Lindsay Campbell

WOW! We made it to the end of the first term! We hope you and your students have enjoyed their first few weeks here at APA!

Thank you for your hard work this term! Report cards will go home today, Friday, October 12th with your student.

Have a wonderful break!! We will see you back here at school Monday, October 22nd, 8:05 am.

## **ALMA-Online grading Program-Notifications**

Parents, if you are having difficulty accessing our online grading system, **please contact your homeroom teacher** and copy your Academic Coordinator, Camille Peterson **grades K-3** [camillepeterson@apamail.org](mailto:camillepeterson@apamail.org), and Shantel Park for **grades 4-6** [spark@apamail.org](mailto:spark@apamail.org). We want to make sure the homeroom teacher is aware of your needs. Thank you for always including them in your emails regarding ALMA questions.

## **Veterans Day Essay Contest**

Be part of something great!! We are having our 4-6 grade students write an essay for our Veterans Day program in their classrooms. The winners will read their essays during the assembly on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

In order to be eligible for the 2018 essay contest, you must:

- Be a 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at American Preparatory Academy.
- Write only ONE essay per person.
- Write an original essay.
- Turn in your essay by Friday, October 26th.



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## **Veteran's Day Assembly**

In your communication envelope THIS week, you will find two beautiful invitations to our Veteran's Day event to be held Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. These invitations are for you to share with your friends, neighbors, and family **who are veterans**. *If you need additional invitations, there are some available in the main office.* This event is primarily for our students to be taught through example and through their own participation, how to respect and honor our nation's veterans.

Unfortunately, space is limited. Having the entire student body and our honored guests in attendance in the gymnasium meets our fire code capacity. Veterans are invited to bring two guests (No guests under 8 are allowed) and will receive nametags confirming their admission. Please RSVP regarding a Veteran's attendance to 385-434-2000.

We are excited to announce that the event will be streamed live! This way anyone wanting to come to the event can watch it from the comfort of home and share the link with other family members across the country. It will be streamed live with KSL and we will be sharing the link with all of our families before the event.

We want to show our gratitude to those who have served or are currently serving. Please help us by inviting anyone you know who has served (or is currently serving) in any of the armed forces.

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up Thursday, October 25th, 3:00 – 7:00 pm and Friday, October 26th, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. These conferences are MANDATORY. We expect 100% participation from our parents. Sign-ups will be emailed to you from your teacher, please watch for them.

## **YEARBOOK 2017/2018!!**

We are so excited to announce that we will have a yearbook again this year. Our yearbook is planned to include all color pages and a hard or soft cover. Watch for more information after the break. If you went on any field trips and have some great pictures, please send them to Marion Minson. [mminson@apamail.org](mailto:mminson@apamail.org).

## **\*\*After School Clubs**

If you have students participating in an afterschool club, there is no supervision provided for their siblings. Please do not expect our staff to supervise siblings during after school clubs. Parents are welcome to come in during this time and provide supervision for siblings, otherwise please make arrangements to pick up any student not participating in one of the after-school activities. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation

## **Carpool Corner**

It has been amazing how well our pick-up has been going when parents come at their designated pick-up times. Thank you for adjusting your schedules and always coming in from the north and



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turning right onto our property. If you need to turn around, please do not use the neighborhood to do so, we are still getting complaints from our neighbors. Thank you for being courteous.

We are still in need of parent volunteers at carpool. All parents that sign up for a regular, recurring shift will receive an all access carpool tag. Sign-up Now!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a45aea828aafc1-carpool1>

## **\*Veterans Day**

We are very excited for our Veterans Day celebration which will take place on Thursday, November 8th! We will have 2 assemblies to honor our Veterans, one at 9:00 a.m. and one at 12:00 p.m. This assembly is an opportunity for students and families to invite a Veteran friend or family member to come and be honored by our student body. We usually have about 80 Veteran guests! It is a wonderful event. Due to the space constraints in our gymnasium, only parents who are accompanying Veteran guests, or parents who are volunteering at the event are able to attend in person. There will be a livestream of both assemblies so parents can watch it online!

Be thinking about a Veteran you could invite to this wonderful assembly! Invitations are in your Communication Envelopes TODAY!! Watch future emails from your student's teacher to learn which assembly your child will be attending.

**Volunteers needed!** If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Kevin McVicar and Cathie Adamson by emailing them at [kmcvicar@apamail.org](mailto:kmcvicar@apamail.org) and [cadamson@apamail.org](mailto:cadamson@apamail.org).

## **From the Front Office**

**PICK-UP DEADLINE:** After only five weeks with your children, we've already learned to adore them!! But, we have our own children that need to be taken care of and we can't stay here with your children past 4pm on Mon / Tues / Fri. or past 3pm on Wed / Thurs. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

**NEW PROCEDURE** for students who have forgotten their lunch: If you bring your student a lunch after school has started, you will label it with your student's name and teacher (you may use the stickers we have here) and leave it on the lunch cart right here by the office. It will thus be available for your student to collect during his/her lunch.

**ATTENDANCE:** Please do the following when your student is absent:

\*\*EMAIL THE FRONT OFFICE ([d2attendance@apamail.org](mailto:d2attendance@apamail.org))

\*\*Email your student's teacher. Email addresses can be found on our website under "About" -- click on "Leadership and Staff" AND on your student's learning plan.

\*\*Include your student's first and last name.

**TARDIES:** if your student walks into the building after 8:06 am, an adult needs to walk with him/her and sign him/her in.

**EARLY CHECK OUT:** Every student is allowed THREE early check-outs per quarter. After THREE, the student will be placed on "Early Check-Out Warning." If the student receives this warning twice during



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the year, consecutive terms or not, the student will be placed on "Early Check-Out Probation," which may lead to loss of priority enrollment for the following year.

**GENERAL CHECK-OUT POLICY:** Your child's safety is incredibly important to us. As such, if your student needs to leave school early, please, please, PLEASE plan enough time to wait in line while we

- check your ID
- look up your student
- find which homeroom/groups/specials class he/she is in
- call said classroom
- have your student gather his/her things
- and have your student walk to the office

**VOMITING/FEVER:** For the health of all our students, if your child vomits at school, he/she MUST be taken home and kept at home until the student has been vomit-and-fever-free for 24 hours.

**ALMA:** Parents, if you are having difficulty accessing our online grading system, please contact your homeroom teacher and your Academic Coordinator: Camille Peterson for grades K-3 (camillepeterson@apamail.org) and Shantel Park for grades 4-6 (spark@apamail.org).

**PARENT MESSAGES TO STUDENTS:** Messages for your student need to go directly to your student's homeroom teacher via email the night before or first thing in the morning.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Items that were lost during September have been boxed up and are ready to be donated. If your student is missing a docket or a water bottle or headband or sweater or lunchbox -- please come claim it today!!

## **\*Friends of APA**

We all know that American Prep's greatest assets are our teachers and staff!

Research shows one of the most important factors affecting student learning is the teacher. When students are placed with a high-performing teacher three years in a row, gains in student achievement are significant and their chances of attending college are increased.

Friends of APA has created a unique way to say "thank you" by forming the Builders Club. The **Builders Club** is a program that provides bonuses and staff compensation for our teachers. We invite all our parents to become members of the **Builders Club** by making monthly donations for each student that attends APA. We want to reward our teachers so we can retain them and provide an excellent education for our students well into the future.

If you love your child's teacher, join the Builders Club!

<https://www.americanprepfoundation.org/apa-builders-club>

You can also donate in person each month at the front office.





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## **Volunteer Opportunities!!**

YOU are needed in lots of many ways to keep YOUR school up and running in the way it should be. We ALWAYS do what's best for kids and your kids love seeing you here helping out. Below you will find lots of different opportunities to volunteer. Please consider coming in and helping out.

### **Seussical, the Musical**

#### **DONORS AND BUSINESS SPONSORS ARE WANTED FOR SEUSSICAL, THE MUSICAL!**

Would your business/company like an ad in our program? (Or would your neighbor's/uncle's/favorite restaurant like one?)

Would you (or your favorite grandmother) like to be listed in our program as a private APA Theatre Department Donor?

Please read all about your options and instructions at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TSvjRLuZqFzIsuGTdKcouGid-mRiwBmq2N8iOMhSx5Y/edit?usp=sharing>

#### **EARN YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS BY HELPING WITH SEUSSICAL, THE MUSICAL!**

The Production Team needs LOTS of help! We have a smaller cast this year (including elementary students!), so we have fewer parents to handle the many tasks that are needed from amazing volunteers. Sign-up to help using the following link and help us have a great show! Tasks include food for meals, hair & makeup, ticket & concession sales, and more!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445adae28a5fb6-seussical>

#### **Carpool Volunteer link**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A45AEA828AAFC1-carpool1>

#### **From the Family School Organization**

Our first term is quickly coming to an end! We would love your help as we take the reading university store mobile this year. Volunteers will take a cart to each classroom where students will be able to pick up their reading university prize. To accommodate all of the classrooms we will be splitting this up into two days.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4ea8ab2fa4fe3-reading>

#### **Veteran's Day**

The Veteran's Day Assembly is coming up on November 8th and we need your help! This assembly is a great way to serve our school, our community and to show thanks to those who have served and who are currently serving our great country.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D4EA8AB2FA4FE3-veterans>

#### **\*Front Office Volunteers Needed**



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Hello, Families! Thank you so much to those who have come in to help! It's a fun volunteer assignment and we really appreciate your help. **The busiest time where help is needed the most is from 9:30-11:30 am . Please sign up now!**

Here is the link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544adac2ba1f58-american>

## **\*Family Support Organization - Volunteer Opportunities**

Dear Parents,

The school year is moving at a rapid pace! We have a few things coming up and we would love your help!

1. **Box Tops Volunteers:** All of our classroom teachers now have an Academic Support Team (AST) Lead so please watch for emails from your AST regarding the needs in your student's classroom. Currently, each AST is looking for someone to help the FSO with box tops. If you are looking for a way to fulfill your volunteer hours but can't come in to the school, this is a great way to do that. You will collect the box tops from your teacher and then organize them and turn them back in to the FSO to be submitted for the funds they provide.
2. **Veterans Day Assembly** - On Thursday, November 8th at 9:00 a.m. and again at 12:00 pm, we will be having our WONDERFUL Veterans Day assemblies! We need parents to help on the Veterans Day Committee! If you would like to help plan this event and be there that day to welcome our guests and help the event run smoothly, please contact Mr. McVicar and Mrs. Adamson by emailing them! [kmcvicar@apamail.org](mailto:kmcvicar@apamail.org) and [cadamson@apamail.org](mailto:cadamson@apamail.org).
3. **Staff Meals for PTC!** On October 25th and October 26th, the FSO needs your help to provide meals for the awesome staff at APA. Please follow the link below for all of the details. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4ea8ab2fa4fe3-staff>

As always we appreciate all of our volunteers and the time and energy they put into our school. Don't forget to turn in all of your volunteers hours!

**\*If you have volunteer hours, please record them on your weekly communication envelope or email your hours to [volunteerdraper2@apamail.org](mailto:volunteerdraper2@apamail.org)**

Nicole Harman  
FSO Director Draper 2  
[nharman@apamail.org](mailto:nharman@apamail.org)

## **\*Holiday Boutique**

**VENDORS WANTED!** Registration has begun for APA's 3rd Annual Holiday Boutique. If you are interested in being a vendor, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/apaboutiquevendors/> for details and the application. APA parents will receive a discounted rate of \$50 for the two-day event through October 31. The price goes up to \$75 on November 1. Please direct any questions to [apadraper2events@gmail.com](mailto:apadraper2events@gmail.com).



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**ARTISTS WANTED!** We hope that you've shared with your children the opportunity that they have to display their creativity at the Holiday Boutique. They have until November 6 to submit their artwork for our Art Gallery. The theme is "Deck the Halls," and we will display their artwork that centers around this theme. This is something that they will do on their own, outside of art class. We look forward to seeing the talents and creativity of our APA students! Please direct any questions to [apadraper2events@gmail.com](mailto:apadraper2events@gmail.com).

**HOLIDAY GIFT WORKSHOP** We have a great opportunity coming up for your children on Tuesdays beginning November 13. For a minimal fee they will have the opportunity to stay after school from 3:30 to 4:30 making holiday gifts for their parents and loved ones. Please email [apadraper2events@gmail.com](mailto:apadraper2events@gmail.com) with questions or to let us know your interest. We have some great gift ideas planned but need to prepare for all participants. More details coming after the break.

## **Character Development**

by Mandy Brown

### **\*\*CALLING ALL ENTHUSIASTIC PARENTS WHO LOVED COLLEGE**

Would you like to be part of the FIRST EVER COLLEGE FAIR at Draper 2? It will be held on the last day of our College Week, Friday November 2nd, all day in our Multi Purpose Room. We are looking for parent volunteers to give 1 to 2 hours to showcase their college alma mater and their career choice for our elementary students. If you'd like more information and would love to be part of this exciting day, please contact our Character Development team using the email address [mandy.brown@apamail.org](mailto:mandy.brown@apamail.org). Let's make this first college fair something our students will absolutely LOVE!  
Rah rah rah! Goooooo future college kids of APA!!

## **Sports**

**October Club V Volleyball Training begins Tuesday, Oct 9th at Draper 1 6:00-8:00 pm.**

**VOLLEYKIDZZ** is an introductory class for boys and girls ages 5-8 years. Parent participation is required. We learn movement patterns and play games to get children on a path to becoming great volleyball players.

**TWO SKILL TUESDAYS** focuses on learning two essential volleyball skills each week. We teach the most up to date techniques that prepare athletes for team play in a fun environment

Developmental Club Team Tryouts, January 3rd. Season Jan 8-Apr 27

Visit our website for details and registration -

<http://clubvvolleyball.com/youth-development/draper-academy>

or contact [juliane@clubvvolleyball.com](mailto:juliane@clubvvolleyball.com)

## **Get involved with Girls on the Run! Volunteer Coaches Needed!**

### **What is Girls on the Run?**

Girls on the Run is a program for girls in 3rd-5th grade that encourages girls to recognize their individual strengths and celebrate connections with others. Each season, girls gain a better





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understanding of who they are and what's important to them, the value of teamwork and healthy relationships and how they can have a positive impact on the world. Girls also make a meaningful contribution to their community through a team-organized Community Impact Project. Physical activity is woven into the program to inspire an appreciation for fitness and healthy habits and teach life skills including treating others with care, practicing gratitude and managing emotions. Each season culminates with a Girls on the Run 5k event. This celebratory, non-competitive event provides girls with a sense of accomplishment and instills the value of goal setting at a young age.

## **Why get involved?**

As a coach you will have the opportunity to inspire young girls to be joyful, healthy and confident by using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. All coaches are trained and are provided with all the materials needed to successfully run the program.

Girls face social pressures and conflicting messages about how they should act and who they should be. Studies show that by adolescence, girls' confidence drops about twice as much as boys'. Friendships become more complicated and challenging, girls' perception of their academic ability declines, the likelihood of anxiety and depression increases and participation in physical activity plummets.

It doesn't have to be this way.

We believe that every girl is inherently full of power and potential. By knowing they are the leaders of their lives, these are the girls who will change the world.

## **Who can volunteer?**

We are looking for Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Jr. Coaches and Running buddies. Anyone over the age of 16 can volunteer. We need teachers, parents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters.

## **When is it?**

The program is held for 2 hours a week. It can be twice a week for 1 hour or once a week for 2 hours. This can be arranged and decided by the Head Coach and school. (In the past it has been held on Thursdays from 2:30-4:30) The program will start the week of March 12<sup>th</sup> and ends with the 5K on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

For more information on becoming a coach and a list of responsibilities please visit:

<http://girlsontherunutah.org/coach/>

## **If you have questions you can contact:**

Ashleigh Macomber, APA D1 Head Coach, 801-502-9899, ashleighmacomber@gmail.com

Or Ivy Denihan, GOTR Program Director, 419-296-3775, ivy@girlsontherunutah.org